



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB2366

Introduced 1/28/2016, by Sen. Steve Stadelman

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the 24-hour Nurse Hotline Task Force Act. Provides for the creation of a task force to make recommendations on the formation and operation of a 24-hour nurse hotline. Requires that within 90 days after the effective date, the Governor shall appoint members of the task force. Provides that the members of the task force shall come from specified organizations. Requires that within 60 days after the effective date, nominations to the task force shall be submitted to the Governor. Requires that within 30 days after the close of nominations, the Governor shall make appointments to the task force. Provides that the appointments from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and Department of Public Health shall co-chair the task force. Contains provisions on when and where the task force shall meet and the compensation for and tenure of the members of the task force. Provides that by July 1, 2017, the task force shall submit a report of recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly. Provides that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Department of Public Health shall provide administrative support to the Task Force. Provides for the repeal of the Act on September 1, 2017. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 24-hour Nurse Hotline Task Force Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. Health care is a growing industry, and
7 creating changes in the system to ensure quality care while
8 efficiently managing the cost of the health care system is more
9 important than ever. The use of a 24-hour nurse hotline has
10 been established in other states and seen positive results. It
11 is necessary to establish a task force to research the benefits
12 and costs of creating a 24-hour nurse hotline for all citizens
13 of the State.

14 Section 10. Definition. As used in this Act, "Task Force"
15 means the 24-hour Nurse Hotline Task Force.

16 Section 15. The Task Force.

17 (a) There is hereby created the 24-hour Nurse Hotline Task
18 Force to study and make recommendations for the creation,
19 operation, and usage of a 24-hour Nurse Hotline in the State of
20 Illinois.

21 (b) Within 90 days after the effective date of this Act,

1 members of the Task Force shall be appointed by the Governor
2 and shall consist of one member from each of the following
3 agencies or interest groups:

4 (1) a member of the Department of Healthcare and Family
5 Services, nominated by the Director of Healthcare and
6 Family Services;

7 (2) a member of the Department of Public Health,
8 nominated by the Director of Public Health;

9 (3) a member of the Department of Commerce and Economic
10 Opportunity, nominated by the Director of Commerce and
11 Economic Opportunity;

12 (4) a representative from a statewide managed care
13 association;

14 (5) a member of a statewide nursing association;

15 (6) a member of a statewide hospital association; and

16 (7) a member of a statewide medical association.

17 (c) Nominations to the Task Force must be submitted to the
18 Governor within 60 days after the effective date of this Act.
19 The Governor shall make the appointments within 30 days after
20 the close of nominations. The term of the appointment shall be
21 until submission of the report of comprehensive
22 recommendations under subsection (e) of this Section. The
23 members from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services
24 and the Department of Public Health shall co-chair the Task
25 Force and serve as liaisons to the Governor and the General
26 Assembly. Meetings of the Task Force shall be held as necessary

1 to complete the duties of the Task Force. Meetings of the Task
2 Force shall be held in the central part of the State.

3 (d) The members of the Task Force shall receive no
4 compensation for serving as members of the Task Force.

5 (e) The Task Force shall submit a report with
6 recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly no later
7 than July 1, 2017.

8 (f) The Department of Healthcare and Family Services and
9 the Department of Public Health shall provide administrative
10 support to the Task Force.

11 Section 20. Repeal. This Act is repealed on September 1,
12 2017.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law.